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TO AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

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TAGS: CASC (GROVE, THOMAS ARTHUR), NP

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO REV. GROVE

REF: STATE 199778

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED AUGUST 9 FROM PRESIDENT
FORD TO REV. ARTHUR GROVE, FATHER OF MISSING TREKKER THOMAS
GROVE: QUOTE:

I AM VERY SADDENED OVER THE TRAGIC DISAPPEARANCE OF YOUR SON,
THOMAS, AND THE INABILITY TO DATE OF THE NEPALESE GOVERN-
MENT TO FIND MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION ON HIS FATE. I WAS
MOVED BY YOUR LETTER AND SHARE DEEPLY, AS A FATHER AND
FELLOW AMERICAN, IN YOUR GRIEF.

AS YOU KNOW, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND OUR EMBASSY IN
KATHMANDU HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN TRYING TO OBTAIN INFOR-
MATION ABOUT YOUR SON'S DISAPPEARANCE AND IN URGING THE
GOVERNMENT OF NEPAL OF IDENTIFY AND ARREST ANY SUSPECTS IN
HIS DISAPPEARANCE. UNFORTUNATELY THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN
ABLE TO OBTAIN POSITIVE RESULTS. THEY ARE NEVERTHELESS
CONTINUING TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

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IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER, I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE

KISSINGER TO SEND A MESSAGE THROUGH AMBASSADOR MAYTAG TO THE NEPALESE AUTHORITIES, AGAIN URGING THEM TO PURSUE THIS CASE WITH MAXIMUM EFFORT. I AM ALSO ASKING THE DEPARTMENT TO REMAIN IN CLOSEST TOUCH WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO ASCERTAIN THE CAUSE OF YOUR SON'S DISAPPEARANCE.

IN THIS PERIOD OF GREAT ANGUISH FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, MRS. FORD AND I WILL HAVE YOU VERY MUCH IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. LET US HOPE FOR SOME PROGRESS. SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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